

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) less than 10 wt% water
- (ii) fatty acid,
- (iii) a structuring agent selected from the group comprising glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate or a combination thereof, and
- (iv) at least 2 wt % fatty acid neutralized by an inorganic base.

Claim 2 (Original) Cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of neutralised fatty acid is from 2 to 15 wt%.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) Cosmetic composition according to claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein the structuring agent is glycerine monostearate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~claim 1, wherein the amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 90 wt% based on the total amount of fatty acid and structuring agent.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) Cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~claim 1, wherein the hydrocarbon chain length of the fatty acid is from 14 to 20, preferably from 16 to 18 carbon atoms.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) Cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~claim 1, wherein the amount of structuring agent is from 15 to 75 wt% on total weight of the composition.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) Cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-6~~claim 1, wherein the total amount of fatty acid is from 5 to 80 wt% on total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) Cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-7~~claim 1, which further comprises an ingredient selected from the group comprising emulsifying agent, other structuring agent than glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate, emollient oils and waxes, humectants, functional ingredients, preservatives, antioxidants, chelating agents, perfume, colouring agent or a combination thereof.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) Method for the preparation of a composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-8~~claim 1, wherein an inorganic base, a fatty acid and a structuring agent selected from the group comprising glycerine monostearate and glycol monostearate or a combination thereof are mixed, heated to a temperature from 80 to 120 °C, cooled to a temperature below 40 °C and formed into a powder, tablet or amorphous mass.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A process of hydrating a composition according to ~~any one of claims 1-8~~claim 1 to form a skin cream, shampoo or lotion, wherein the composition is mixed with an aqueous base at a temperature of below 80 °C.

Claim 11 (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein the temperature of the aqueous base is from 0 to 35 °C.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 10~~or 11~~, wherein the composition and aqueous base are mixed together in a weight ratio of from 1:3 to 1:20.